

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheet(s) of drawings includes changes to:

Figures 1 and 2 have been amended to include the label "Background Art".

Attachment: Replacement sheets

REMARKS

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-3, 5-11 and 20 are now pending in the application, with claims 1, 3, 7 and 11 amended, claim 20 added and claims 4 and 12-19 cancelled by the present Amendment.

In the Official Action, the Figures were objected to; claims 1-4 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA); claims 13-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of AAPA; claims 5, 6, 18 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of AAPA and McGee (U.S. Patent No. 4,006,874); and claims 7-10 and 12 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 12-19 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Figures 1-2 are amended to include the label "Background Art." Allowable claim 7 is amended into independent form, including the base claim and any intervening claims. Independent claim 11 is amended to recite the allowable features of claim 12. Thus, Applicants submit that claims 7 and 11, and all claims depending therefrom, are in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 1 is amended and dependent claim 20 are added to recite features disclosed in Applicant's original Figures 3-5. No new matter is added.

Briefly recapitulating, amended claim 1 is directed to

A hermetic compressor, comprising:

a compressor body;

a suction pipe connected to one side of the compressor body for supplying a refrigerant to the compressor body; and

a suction pipe support unit including a bracket fixed to an outer circumferential surface of the compressor body for supporting the suction pipe, and a strap respectively mounted at both end portions of the bracket and having two bending parts cooperatively supporting an outer circumferential surface of the suction pipe, ***each bending part cut from an interior portion of the strap.***

AAPA shows a hermetic compressor that includes a compressor body; a suction pipe connected to one side of the compressor body for supplying a refrigerant to the compressor body; and a suction pipe support unit including a bracket fixed to an outer circumferential surface of the compressor body for supporting the suction pipe, and a strap respectively mounted at both end portions of the bracket. However, AAPA does not disclose or suggest a strap having two bending parts cooperatively supporting an outer circumferential surface of the suction pipe, each bending part cut from an interior portion of the strap.

MPEP § 2131 notes that “[a] claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference.” *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). See also MPEP § 2131.02. “The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim.” *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). Because AAPA does not disclose or suggest all of the features recited in claim 1, AAPA does not anticipate the invention recited in claim 1, and all claims depending therefrom.

Applicants further submit that none of the applied references disclose or suggest the features recited in new dependent claim 20. Thus, for independent reasons, Applicants submit that claim 20 patentably defines over the applied references.

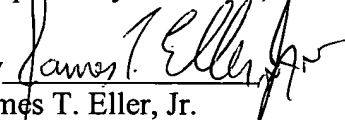
Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact James T. Eller Jr., Reg. No. 39,538 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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